

TEACHERS OPPOSE PROPOSED CHANGE High School Association Attacks Plan of District Commissioners. "CHALLENGE THE FACTS AND REFUTE ARGUMENTS"

Cite Control and Administration in Forty-Eight Principal Cities of the United States.

Citing school control and administration in the forty-eight principal cities of the United States, the High School Teachers' Association of Washington, D. C., in a report just adopted by the council of that organization and made public today, attacks the proposed plan of the District Commissioners for changing the system of school administration here.

Following extensive answer to the Commissioners' arguments for the change advocated, as set forth in the press following an address by one member of the board of Commissioners, the report asks how, if the proposed plan goes into effect, are the people of the District to have any voice in school affairs, and what is the object of "this dummy board" proposed by the Commissioners.

For Concentration of Power.

The report concludes by stating: "It is now evident that the Commissioners would be more sustained by the experience of other cities if they recommended a more complete separation of the public schools of this city from the political branches of the municipal government, and that they would be more consistent with their own theory of school administration if, instead of increasing their own powers, they would recommend a greater consolidation of proper powers in the present board of education."

The statements made by the report are based on data compiled for the twenty-four principal commission-governed cities and the twenty-two principal non-commission-governed cities in the United States, as set forth in two charts published by the Public School League of Buffalo, N. Y. Copies of these charts have been ordered by the High School Teachers' Association to be distributed to organizations of Washington interested in them.

Facts About Twenty-Four Cities.

That the "actual facts" for the twenty-four principal commission-governed cities show only one clear-cut instance where the commissioners appoint the school board is asserted by the report. On the other hand, it holds, there is one instance where the city of Washington, and two non-commission-governed cities, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, have judges appoint the board of education.

Naming of Superintendent.

"Again, under the present law the superintendent of schools is appointed by the board of education. The Commissioners insist that they are justified by the experience of other cities in themselves appointing that official, yet the actual facts in forty-eight cities show not one instance where the superintendent is appointed by the commissioners. In forty-four cities he is appointed by the board of education."

"Inconsistencies of Plan."

"The Commissioners advocate the consolidation in themselves of all the departments of the municipal government, on the theory that centralized authority is more efficient and responsible. Not only do they boldly assume that they are sustained by the experience of the school administration in other cities, but they display a curious inconsistency between their proposed plan and their own theory of municipal administration. It is a remarkable fact that they advocate more consolidation and fixed responsibility in the present school system than in the system recommended by the Commissioners. On December 15, in a public address, one of the Commissioners speaking in behalf of this consolidation, said, 'they hope to see the administrative and executive functions of the school system in one man, a director of education. They are all responsibility being placed on him, when anything goes wrong in the public schools everybody will know who is responsible.'"

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The above is what the Commissioners ought to do. It is what they actually propose to do—namely, create by a new school law a director of education, who has but the shadow of the power of the present superintendent of schools. The new director of education seems to re-

tain the power of direction and supervision of instruction, yet he is completely shorn of all powers of appointment, promotion, reduction and removal of officers, teachers and other employees, and "except as provided otherwise herein" he is completely deprived of "the authority now vested in the superintendent." It is difficult to see where the new director would have any real authority, even over instruction when the instructors are in no way responsible to him for the appointments, promotions, reductions and removals.

No Responsible Function.

"Moreover, the Commissioners have created a new board of education, which would have no responsible function, except advice, since all the authority, duties, discretion and powers now vested in the present board of education are to be transferred and vested in the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. In addition to a powerless director, they have added an irresponsible board whose only power is to talk. In other words, they have scattered rather than consolidated power by giving advisory power to the new board of education, supervisory power over instruction to the new director of education and appointing power to themselves. About the only consolidation that is apparent in the proposed system is the consolidation of patronage in the Commissioners."

"At this point two questions suggest themselves to the ordinary citizen and taxpayer: First, just how are the people of this District to have any voice in school affairs when they are to be represented by a dummy board of education upon which no representative citizen would serve? Second, just what is the object of this dummy board anyway?"

SUE TO SELL SECURITIES

BROKERS HYPOTHECATED

Action Taken in Court by Trustees of Bankrupt Firm of Lewis Johnson & Co.

Suit to sell securities of the face value of \$100,000 and to distribute the proceeds among about twenty claimants was instituted today in District Supreme Court by J. Miller Kenyon, H. Rozler Dulany and Byron U. Graham, trustees of the bankrupt firm of Lewis Johnson & Co. The National Savings and Trust Company and nineteen others, including Mrs. Mary C. Mearns, wife of William A. Mearns, a former member of the brokerage firm, are named as defendants.

The court is advised that the brokers borrowed money from the trust company on the securities in question. Since the bankruptcy numerous claimants have appeared urging that they had deposited the same securities with the brokers and that the latter had hypothecated them with the trust company without the consent of the owners. The trustees in bankruptcy asked a sale and a determination by the court of the interest of each claimant.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY TAKES UP HUERTA CASE

Begins Investigating Alleged Plot to Restore Deposed Dictator to Power in Mexico.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, January 3.—Investigation of an alleged plot to restore Victoriano Huerta to power in Mexico, was begun by a federal grand jury here today. United States District Attorney J. L. Camp asked that Gen. Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, and nine other men already arrested be indicted on the charge of violating United States neutrality laws.

So far as is known none of the accused men is expected here. Gen. Huerta, who is in custody of federal authorities at El Paso, is seriously ill. Pascual Orozco, alleged to have been one of the leaders of the Huerta movement, jumped bond after his arrest with Huerta, and was killed leading a filibustering expedition in Texas. With the other accused men are Jose Delgado, Eduardo Caus, Enrique Corvoteta, J. B. Ratner and Ignacio Bravo. They are at liberty on bond.

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIES

Named by President Brandenburg of Board of Trade.

The committee on industrial interests of the Washington Board of Trade has been appointed by President Brandenburg, as follows: Isaac Caus, chairman; R. P. Andrews, Thomas Armstrong, Joseph C. Arnett, W. C. Balderston, William A. Bennett, John K. Boykin, August Brill, Charles A. Cotterill, H. King Cornwall, Ernest H. Daniel, E. J. Febray, Max Fischer, Lewis Fisher, Carl J. F. Grant, Philip T. Hill, Leo P. Harlow, Franklin W. Harper, George E. Hebbard, Joel Hillman, Henry C. Karry, Charles E. Langley, William H. Lanham, A. H. McCham, Walter F. McLachlin, Arthur J. May, Moritz Mayer, James A. Lesser, Justus C. Nelson, Charles W. Davis, Charles W. Pimper, Walter P. Plumley, D. S. Porter, George E. Potter, George S. Rees, Charles D. Sager, D. Fred Saunders, Robert S. Stutz, Harry W. Taylor, C. W. White and Oscar W. Whitford.

Two Charged With Housebreaking.

William A. Hackley, twenty-six years old, 1202 Bladensburg road, and Norman Haag, nineteen years old, 1209 16th street northeast, were locked up by the police of the ninth precinct last night on charges of housebreaking. It is charged that they visited the store of Charles A. Scheuch, 1115 Bladensburg road, and stole cakes and cigarettes. They will be arraigned in Police Court tomorrow.

Feast of Holy Name Celebrated.

Special services marked the celebration of the feast of the Holy Name, in Holy Name Church, Capitol Hill, yesterday. Rev. Thomas J. Kervick, the pastor, being in charge of the service. At the 3 o'clock mass for children the junior choir, directed by Miss Doyle, with Miss Marie Mellings as accompanist, gave a sacred program. Christmas music was repeated by the senior choir, under direction of Miss Anna Doyle, at the late mass. Mrs. Charles Hughes accompanied. The male choir, directed by James Duncan, sang at the service at 7:30 o'clock last evening.

Johnson Inquest Tomorrow.

Coroner Nevitt will hold an inquest at the morgue tomorrow afternoon to have a jury pass upon the case involving the killing of Florine Johnson, colored, at 6 Allen court southwest last week. The body, colored, was arrested Saturday night and charged with the murder. Davis was photographed for the gallery.

Week of Prayer Begins.

Under the auspices of the Woman's Interdenominational Missionary Union a week of prayer, with the general theme, "Peace and Unity," was opened at St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, 1115 H Street, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Joseph Cohn, a Jewish evangelist, is to speak. The subject for the week is "Peace—Through Christian Service for Jews and Gentiles."

Half Price Now For Mercerized Poptins

That You Will Be Glad to Own at Full Price a Month Later. The Quantity Is Limited. Get What You Need Tomorrow While It Lasts. 27 inches wide, highly mercerized, washable poplins, guaranteed fast colors, in the following good range: Lavender, wistaria, tan, gray, cadet, Copenhagen, old rose, smoke, light blue, lilac, helio and pink. 25c Value, a Yard, 12 1/2c. Kann's—Street Floor.

Auspiciously Begun--Our January Sale of Blouses

Gives promise of being the most successful in our history. Some of the reasons are:—Sale lots contain both samples and surpluses. —Wonderful variety in the sample lots. —All sizes to select from in the surpluses. —Quality for quality and style for style, the sale deserves the title—Decidedly Unusual in Value-Giving.

LOT 1—Consists of crepe de chins, laces, tub silks, China silks, low and high neck models, in white, stripes and colors. These are chiefly samples. Worth Up to \$3.00. Choice of the Lot. Bargain Table—Street Floor.

LOTS 2 and 3—Consist of Georgette crepes, satin striped crepe de chins, satin sublimes, taffetas, pussy willow, black and white laces in beautiful combination Georgettes and lace, crepe de chins, embroidery and lace trimmed. Embroidered Georgettes, etc.

We have divided this assortment according to values into two price lots as follows:

Blouses Worth to \$5.75. Choice..... \$2.67. Blouses Worth to \$7.50. Choice..... \$3.67. Kann's—Second Floor.

January Sale Girls' Undermuslins

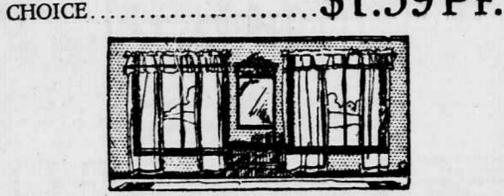
All fine quality lingerie, all made in sanitary shops, and all are good, comfortable, well fitting garments.

- 7c For GIRLS' DRAWERS, made of good quality muslin, hemstitched and cluster tucks. Sizes 2 to 12 years. 19c For GIRLS' DRAWERS, knickerbocker style of cambric, with dainty embroidery edge. Size 2 to 12 years. 39c For GIRLS' DRAWERS, straight style, made of good quality muslin with tucks and embroidery. Sizes 2 to 14 years. 23c For GIRLS' GOWNS, made of good quality muslin, yoke of pin tucks. 45c For GIRLS' GOWNS, of muslin or crepe, high or low neck style, embroidery and lace-trimmed styles. 89c For MISSES' GOWNS, of good quality muslin, low neck, short sleeves; sprays of dainty hand embroidery at front. 23c For MISSES' DRAWERS, of muslin, with hemstitched ruffle or embroidery trimming. 23c For CHILDREN'S PRINCESS OR BAND SKIRTS, in lace and embroidery-trimmed effects. 45c For GIRLS' PRINCESS SLIPS, of nainsook, with lace or embroidery trimmings; sizes to 14 years.

A Lace Curtain Sale

THAT CHIMES IN WITH THE GENERAL BIG CLEARANCE OPPORTUNITIES

These will be found on Special Bargain Tables, Third Floor. Former Values from \$2.98 to \$4.98. CHOICE..... \$1.59 Pr.



Quaker Lace Curtains, about 200 pairs in the lot, but only one pair of a pattern; some are slightly imperfect, but the flaws are very insignificant; made of finest quality Scotch and cable nets, neat borders, reproductions of hand-made laces, Marie Antoinette, Renaissance, Flanders, Brussels and Irish point. Choice of white or cream. Seriras and Marquettes, antique or Cluny lace edges, insertions with hemstitched borders; some machine-embroidered borders. Scotch and Cable Net Curtains, conventional or floral borders. 39-inch Panel Curtains, of net or scrim; lattice work, fllet or Cluny effects. Imported Scotch Madras Curtains, self-woven floral designs; wide border all around. Novelties and Staple Styles, such as Renaissance and Marie Antoinette; real lace on fine 3-ply French net; white or ecru. Kann's—Third Floor.

Every One Should Own a Sewing Machine

At the Prices We Make for Our January Clearance Now in Progress

Absolute clearance is the order for all surplus lots, floor samples and demonstration machines—we have marked them to make it an object for you to come for them quickly.

And in addition give you the opportunity (if you wish) to buy them on SPECIAL TERMS—\$1 DOWN, THEN \$1 WEEK.

Every machine is a well known make, guaranteed to give you satisfaction—among them we mention

- Singer Vibrator..... \$42.50 \$29.50 Standard Rotary Sit-Straight Cabinet..... \$60.00 \$49.50 Paragon, drophead..... \$32.50 \$25.00 New Home Rotary..... \$45.00 \$29.50 Standard Rotary Princess Cabinet..... \$60.00 \$49.50 Manhattan, drophead..... \$16.50 \$10.98 Singer 66..... \$45.00 \$32.50 Howe Special..... \$35.00 \$29.50 Standard-Norwood..... \$24.50 \$19.75 Dayton Special..... \$29.50 \$24.50 White, drophead..... \$45.00 \$24.50 Wheeler & Wilson, No. 9..... \$23.50 \$19.75

Kann's—Fourth Floor.

S. Kann Sons & Co. THE BUSY CORNER S. Kann Sons & Co. 578 ST. AND PENNA. AVE. Store Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, to 6 p.m.

S. Kann, Sons & Co. Invite You to Attend the Classes in Knitting and Crocheting To be held in the Art Needlework Store—Third Floor. An instructor, direct from the factory, will be glad to teach you anything you wish to know about knitting and crocheting with the famous FLEISHER YARNS There will also be an interesting exhibition of garments, showing the very newest ideas. You should see this by all means. Shall we expect you tomorrow?

White Goods Which All Women Can Use

Are in Kann's January White Sale at Sensational Price Savings

Read the list, then hurry to the store in the morning for enough to last you for months to come. We do not know when such prices will be possible again.

- 2 exceptional values in ROYAL ENGLISH LONGCLOTH; 26 inches wide; 12 yards to the piece. Lot 1—\$1.39 value. Per piece..... \$1.00 Lot 2—\$1.69 value. Per piece..... \$1.35 3 very special offers in FINE ENGLISH NAINSOOK Lot 1—Our Queen Nainsook; 40 inches wide, 10-yard pieces. \$1.98 value. Piece..... \$1.50 Lot 2—Superior Grade Nainsook; 40 inches wide; 12 yard pieces. \$1.75 value. Piece..... \$1.30 Lot 3—Silk-Backed Nainsook; 36 inches wide, Actual 20c value. 1.00 yard..... 12/2c EXCELLENT QUALITY 40-IN. VOILE; only 25 pieces to sell. \$5c value. Per yard..... 19c SPECIAL IMPORTED FANCY STRIPED PIQUE, 5 styles; 28 inches wide. Real 50c values. Per yd..... 25c PIQUE STRIPED VOILE, various pretty style stripes; 40 inches wide, 23c value. Per yard..... 18c ENGLISH REP SKIRTING, 36 inches wide, 35c value. Per yard..... 25c FINE GRADE 36-IN. PAJAMA NAINSOOK; 19c value. Per yard..... 10c

Kann's—Street Floor.

January Clearing---Odds and Ends in Sheets, Pillowcases & Spreads

Including a Big Surprise in the Way of the Famous "Cohasset Sheets"

Only a limited quantity of a few sizes to clear. Selling from 85c to \$1.00. CHOICE TOMORROW..... 75c

Sizes 72x90, for three-quarter beds, 72x99, for three-quarter beds, 2 3/4 yards long. 81x99, for double beds, 2 3/4 yards long.

Also a sale of 84x96 DOUBLE-BED CROCHET SPREADS for metal beds, with scallop and cut corners. Contain no dressing, wear splendidly and are regularly \$2.00. Choice \$1.59 tomorrow..... 45x36 ANDOVER REGULATION SIZE PILLOWCASES, made of famous Anchor brand sheeting ends, round-thread material that wears finely; made with seam on both sides, but give just as good wear as the one-seam style. Regularly 25c each. Choice to- 12/2c morrow..... YARD-WIDE LONSDALE CAMBRIC, the real trade-marked goods, with original mill ticket on all (no seconds). Always 15c 10c yd. Tomorrow, yard. Kann's—Street Floor.

The Lure of the Loveliest Lingerie

At Record Low Prices Attracted Many Eager Shoppers Today to Our Store of Muslin Underwear

OUR JANUARY CUT PRICE SALE THE EVENT

A sale that always arouses enthusiasm, and today was no exception to the rule, save for MORE ENTHUSIASM and MORE EAGER PURCHASERS. When you look over these prices you will be among tomorrow's purchasers.

- GOWNS—Plain and figured crepes, nainsook, cambric, muslin and flesh-colored batiste. Low and high neck, long, short and 3/4 sleeves. Priced according to quality and trimming. STYLES. REG. PRICES. SALE PRICES. 10 50c 35c 12 75c 50c 15 1.00 75c 20 1.50 1.00 25 2.00 and \$2.25 1.50 30 2.00 and \$2.25 1.50 PETTICOATS—Pique, saten, cambric, nainsook and crepe. Priced according to quality and style of trimming. STYLES. REG. PRICES. SALE PRICES. 10 50c 35c 12 75c 50c 15 1.00 75c 20 1.50 1.00 25 2.00 and \$2.25 1.50 CORSET COVERS—Nainsook, cambric, a few crepe and batiste, in white, flesh color and black. Priced according to quality of material and trimming. STYLES. REG. PRICES. SALE PRICES. 5 25c 15c 10 50c 35c 15 75c 50c 20 1.00 75c 25 1.50 1.00 30 2.00 and \$2.25 1.50 BLOOMER DRAWERS, of batiste, in light blue, pink, also plain and flesh-colored batiste, low and high neck, with embroidered scallop. 75c and 85c values, at 69c pair. Marcella Drawers, fitted, tailored style around waist, and cut full around knees. 50c value, 39c. COMBINATIONS—Corset Covers and Drawers—Made of nainsook and flesh-colored batiste. Priced according to quality and trimming. STYLES. REG. PRICES. SALE PRICES. 5 50c 35c 10 1.00 75c 15 1.50 1.00 20 2.00 and \$2.25 1.50 DRAWERS—Muslin, cambric, nainsook, straight and circular cut. Priced according to quality and elaborateness of trimming. STYLES. REG. PRICES. SALE PRICES. 5 25c 15c 10 50c 35c 15 75c 50c 20 1.00 75c 25 1.50 1.00 30 2.00 and \$2.25 1.50 ENVELOPE CHEMISES—Of nainsook and flesh-colored batiste. Priced according to quality and trimming. STYLES. REG. PRICES. SALE PRICES. 5 50c 35c 10 1.00 75c 15 1.50 1.00 20 2.00 and \$2.25 1.50 EXTRA SIZES—Drawers—29c, 39c, 59c and 79c. Gowns—39c, 59c, 79c, \$1.19 and \$1.69. Petticoats—59c, 79c, \$1.19 and \$1.69. Combinations—79c and \$1.19. Corset Covers—39c, 59c and 79c.

Gorgeous Evening, Daytime and Street Dresses

Worth Up to \$40.00 in a Sale Tomorrow at \$19.75

All the desirable materials of the season find representation here, such as Satin Sublime, Soft-finished Charmeuse, Crepe de Chines, Soiree Silks, Chiffon Taffetas, Georgette Crepe, Nets, plain or embroidered in metal effects, etc. Trimmed in spangles, in marabout, in silver, in jet and in fur.

There are all the wanted colors, beautiful pastel and high colors in the evening gowns, and plenty of black in both the daytime and evening models, particularly black made up in youthful styles that appeal irresistibly to the young woman and debutante.

All Sizes for Women and Misses

For the many society events which the coming season will launch forth, many handsome gowns will be needed.

Get them in this sale and save money.

Kann's—Second Floor.

Clearance Sale of Marabout Sets and Separate Pieces

Now is the time to secure the piece or set you have wanted, and pay much less for it.

- China Collars, of black and natural marabout. Regular price, \$1.98. Special Clearance price..... \$1.37 China Collars, of silk or velvet. Regularly \$2.75. Special Clearance price..... \$1.98 China Collars, of velvet and fur combined. Regular price, \$5.25 value. Special at \$3.98. Long Ostrich Beas, plain or combination colors; also black and white effects. Formerly \$12.98 and \$13.98. To close at..... \$8.49 Short Ostrich Feather Beas, or collarless; only one or two of a kind. Values up to \$7.50. Priced to close..... \$3.85 Short Ostrich Feather Collarless regular price..... \$2.87